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SUBJECT: (U) BAVARIAN PM STRAUSS A HIT IN PAKISTAN:  
FOCUS ON AFGHANISTAN

1. THE EIGHT-DAY VISIT OF BAVARIAN PRIME MINISTER  
FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS ATTRACTED EXTENSIVE PRESS ATTENTION  
AND RED CARPET TREATMENT FROM THE GOP. STRAUSS MET  
WITH PRESIDENT ZIA-UL-HAQ AND FORMER AGHA SHAHI AND IN  
PUBLIC COMMENTS STRESSED THE NEED FOR WESTERN SUPPORT  
OF PAKISTAN AND ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE AFGHAN  
REFUGEES.

2. STRAUSS ARRIVED IN KARACHI APRIL 26 AND IMMEDIATELY  
TOLD NEWSMEN THAT PAKISTAN NEEDED INCREASED INTERNATIONAL  
AID TO COPE WITH THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND PSYCHOLOG-  
ICAL BURDENS OF ACCOMMODATING TWO MILLION AFGHAN REFUGEES.  
AT A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE FEDERATION OF PAKISTAN  
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CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, HE URGED EXPANDED TRADE

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BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND THE FRG.

3. THE NEXT DAY IN QUETTA, CAPITAL OF BALUCHISTAN PROVINCE, STRAUSS FORECAST A BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF CONSORTIUM AID TO PAKISTAN, INCLUDING DOLLARS 100 MILLION FROM THE FRG. AS A "PERSONAL GIFT", HE BROUGHT ALONG A MODERN MEDICAL DEVICE FOR THE QUETTA HOSPITAL. HE REPORTEDLY ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE REPORTED IMPROVEMENT IN PAK-U.S. RELATIONS.

4. ALSO IN QUETTA, STRAUSS SUGGESTED THAT THE AID TO PAKISTAN CONSORTIUM SHOULD CONSIDER FAVORABLY A MORATORIUM ON PAKISTAN'S PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE CHARGES, ADDING THAT COUNTRIES WITH EVEN LESS NEED THAN PAKISTAN HAD RECEIVED SUCH A CONCESSION.

5. AFTER AN OVERNIGHT STAY IN LAHORE, STRAUSS ARRIVED IN ISLAMABAD ON THE 29TH. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS REPORT THAT HE HAD A TWO-HOUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ZIA THAT EVENING, WITH FOHMIN SHAHI AND HFA SEC GEN SHAHNAWAZ ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. EAST-WEST RELATIONS, BILATERAL TIES AND AFGHANISTAN WERE DISCUSSED BUT THERE WAS NO LOCAL COVERAGE OF THE HAMBURG DPA REPORT (4/30) THAT ZIA HAD TOLD STRAUSS PAKISTAN DESIRED TO PURCHASE GERMAN ARMS IF THE FRG WOULD CHANGE ITS ARMS SALES POLICY.

6. IN SEPARATE TALKS WITH SHAHI (ALSO ON THE 29TH) STRAUSS REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN'S STAND ON THE AFGHANISTAN ISSUE. RIGGLE EAST AND EAST-WEST ISSUES WERE ALSO SAID TO HAVE BEEN ON THE AGENDA. STRAUSS ALSO CALLED ON DEFENSE MINISTER TALPUR AND LABOR MINISTER GHULAM DASTGIR KHAN. WITH THE LATTER HE DISCUSSED WEST  
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GERMAN ASSISTANCE FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING, THE POSSIBILITY OF PAKISTAN PROCURING SURPLUS HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT IN THE FRG, AND THE EXPORT OF PAKISTANI MANPOWER TO WEST GERMANY.

7. HIGHLIGHTING THE AFGHAN ISSUE AS THE REASON FOR INCREASED WEST GERMAN INTEREST IN PAKISTAN'S SECURITY, STRAUSS LINKED CONTINUATION OF DETENTE TO SOVIET BEHAVIOR IN SOUTHWEST ASIA IN REMARKS TO NEWSMEN ON THE 29TH. EARLIER, IN LAHORE, HE HAD PROCLAIMED SOVIET

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EFFORTS TO PACIFY AFGHANISTAN A FAILURE AND ARGUED THAT ADVERSE WORLD OPINION ULTIMATELY MIGHT HELP TO CONVINCE THE SOVIETS OF THE NEED TO WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS FROM THAT COUNTRY.

8. ON THE 30TH, STRAUSS VISITED THE PAKISTAN ORDNANCE FACTORIES AT WAM, NORTHWEST OF ISLAMABAD, WHERE HE RECALLED CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PAF AND PAKISTAN IN THE AREA OF DEFENSE PRODUCTION. STRAUSS ALSO TOURED THE TANGELA DAN PROJECT.

9. STRAUSS CONCLUDED HIS VISIT WITH A TWO-DAY STOP IN PESHAWAR, CAPITAL OF THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE (NWFP) WHERE THE BULK OF THE AFGHAN REFUGEES ARE ENCAMPED. AT A MAY 2 NEWS CONFERENCE, HE WARNED THAT THE WEST SHOULD NOT FORGET AFGHANISTAN AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN'S EFFORTS TO SEEK A POLITICAL SOLUTION. HE RULED OUT USE OF FORCE BY EITHER THE U.S. OR EUROPE WHILE ENCOURAGING THE AFGHAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO CONTINUE THEIR STRUGGLE. STRAUSS REPORTEDLY ACQUIESCED IN THE U.S. DECISION TO LIFT THE GRAIN EMBARGO AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, SUGGESTING THAT IT HAD SERVED NO PURPOSE SINCE OTHER COUNTRIES HAD

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CONTINUED TO SELL WHEAT TO MOSCOW.

10. STRAUSS ALSO VISITED AN AFGHAN REFUGEE CAMP AT NASIRBAGH, JUST OUTSIDE PESHAWAR, WHERE HE OFFERED PRAISE FOR THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE AND FOR PAKISTAN'S EFFORTS TO AID THE REFUGEES. HE ALSO PRESENTED A PERSONAL CHECK FOR TEN THOUSAND MARKS TO HUFF GOVERNOR FAZLE HAF FOR THE REFUGEES.

11. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT STRAUSS' VISIT AND HIS PUBLIC REMARKS WERE WELL-RECEIVED BY HIS PAKISTANI HOSTS. WE LEAVE IT TO OUR COLLEAGUES IN BONN TO SPECULATE ON STRAUSS' VIEW OF HIS TRIP IN THE CONTEXT OF FRG DOMESTIC POLITICS.  
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